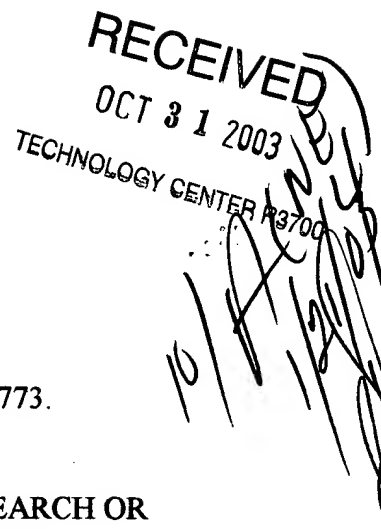


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**INVENTION NAME:** **THE WHISTLER'S BEST FRIEND**  
**APPLICATION NUMBER:** **09/810,773**



- (a) **TITLE OF THE INVENTION.** The Whistler's Best Friend.
- (b) **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.**  
(1) Non-provisional utility patent application information: 09/810,773.  
(2) Provisional utility patent application information: 60/151,941.
- (c) **STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.** Research and development for the Whistler's Best Friend was not sponsored in whole or part by any office or any agency of the federal government.
- (d) **INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC or REFERENCE TO A MICROFICHE APPENDIX.** Not Applicable.
- (e) **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.**  
(1) Field of the Invention. Steam venting.  
(2) Description of Related Art.  
(A) In as much as Cordrey has a similar idea under Patent 409,274, he has changed the configuration of the steam producing pot. He closes off the pouring spout (b), of the vessel and adds a vertical spout (B), for the discharge of steam. Additional, he uses elastic tubing (G), between the pot (F), and receiving vessel (I). In my design, I am making a simple accessory device for use with a common tea pot, which does not necessitate the alteration of the original device.  
(B) In Weeks' design, Patent 2,553,344, the design is to improve on existing coffee percolation procedure to allow the dispensing of coffee from a vessel separate from the brewing vessel. While his notes on other configuration types and uses are vague it doesn't indicate that he had any notion towards the type of use my device is intended.  
(C) Finally, in Di Lascio's Patent 4,502,371, he is providing a device for delivering coffee infusion as well as steam, via a highly complex device. A device which is self contained and must be disassembled prior to and after operation and which requires detailed cleaning of components. My device has 2 pieces, requires no assembly prior to of after use and is easily cleaned.

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